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**Amendments to the Drawings**

The attached sheets of drawings includes changes to Figures 1-4. The sheets, which include Figures 1-4, replaces the original sheets including Figures 1-4.

Attachment: Four (4) Replacement Sheets

### REMARKS

Claims 19 and 21-27 are pending. Claims 19 and 21-27 were indicated as being allowed. Claim 19 was objected to because of informalities. Therefore, following entry of the present response, claims 19 and 21-27 will be in allowable form.

Various changes to the Figures were requested by the office action in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(d). The changes requested by the office action have been completed and are included in the attached corrected drawings. No new matter has been added.

Also, two changes to the specification were requested to add text to certain acronyms. These changes to the specification have been made. No new matter has been added.

Should any further changes to the Figures or specification be required, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned applicant representative.

The office action objects to claim 19 allegedly for reciting "the checked-out database item." In particular, the office action suggests that the other claims merely recite "checked out," and that therefore "this is inconsistent with the other claims." (*Office Action dated November 30, 2005 at p. 2*). Applicants respectfully disagree.

Contrary to the suggestion in the office action, the other claims recite "checked out" in a different manner than is recited in claim 19. Claim 19 recites "checked out" with respect to the database item. Therefore, applicant respectfully contends that "the checked-out database item" provides proper antecedent basis and is consistent with the other claims. Should the Examiner continue to assert that this claim needs further amendment or that such language is inconsistent with other claims, applicant respectfully requests suggestion of such amendment or further explanation as to how this language is inconsistent with the other claims.

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### **CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application and an early Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested. In the event that the Examiner cannot allow the present application for any reason, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' attorney Vincent J. Roccia at (215-564-8946).

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